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THE WAR.

FOREIGN NEWS BY THE CABLE.

French Army Marching on to Germany.

The Activity of the French Armies.

Organization of State Legislatures.

Important Congressional Proceedings.

WASHINGTON.

CONGRESSIONAL NEWS.

Supreme Court Decision.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The Cincinnati sugar cases between Adolph Wood & Company, of Cincinnati and F. W. Perkins & Company, of New Orleans, has been decided in favor of the claimants of the sugar, while the Government had lost by improper grading. The court was not satisfied that Perkins & Company had any knowledge of the error, or had any fraudulent intent. The court intimates that Perkins & Company would be liable to a payment of two cents per pound additional duty. This is an old case where the Government had seized sugars throughout the country under allegations of fraud in assessing the tariff. The point established seems to be that the Government can collect the tariff wherever goods may be found, but can exact no penalty for the future from innocent purchasers.

The Cincinnati Commercial publishes a letter from Orville Grant to the President, charging Gen. Bloomfield, Supervisor of Illinois, with connivance at fraud. Orville Grant admits he was approached in confidence with corrupt propositions, both regarding whiskey frauds and Cuban recognition. Orville says: "I have gained my knowledge of the whole affair in the strictest confidence, and to tell it I am betraying that confidence; and the only apology I can make for doing a man so great an act of injustice is, that my duty to you is stronger than my word or confidence to one who is instrumental in defrauding the government and ruining your reputation, for all the frauds of your appointees fall upon you and the party."

Mr. Orch was appointed a member of the Ways and Means Committee, vice Mr. Schenck resigned.

Paraguay matters were discussed in the House.

In the House, Hooper, of Massachusetts, becomes Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee. Hooper is said to be more of a protectionist than Schenck.

Orth is inclined to free trade.

A vote on the Paraguayan resolutions will be taken to-morrow. The questions involved is the endorsement of the late Paraguayan Minister, and the only apology I can make for doing a man so great an act of injustice is, that my duty to you is stronger than my word or confidence to one who is instrumental in defrauding the government and ruining your reputation, for all the frauds of your appointees fall upon you and the party."

Certain reports regarding San Domingo, made during Pierce's Administration, were called for.

A bill was introduced for a Government telegraph and referred to the Committee on Roads and Canals.

A bill giving Schenck, as Minister to England, an additional allowance of \$2,500, passed.

In the Senate, the correspondence between Motley and the State Department, relating to Motley's recall, was called for and amended by Sumner so as to include telegrams.

A resolution was reported concurring in the opinion of the Attorney General, that the Chetovans were entitled to one-fourth million bonds, and declaring the President authorized to issue them without further legislation. The resolution passed.

The select committee to consider certain charges against Senator Sprague for blockading in Texas, consists of Thurman, Hamlin and Trumbull, from the House, and Wiley and Jewett, from the Senate from Missouri, were placed upon the committee on Naval Affairs and the Pacific Railroads.

A bill was passed providing that hereafter no tax shall be imposed or collected upon any undistributable sum added to the contingent fund of any Insurance Company, nor upon unsound premiums received for risks assumed.

The bill relieving Wm. Best passed by a vote of 28 to 15. It appropriates \$25,000. Best was surgeon in the Federal army when his house in Paducah was destroyed.

Wm. H. Daniels was nominated for Collector of Customs at Apalachicola, Florida.

Resolutions from the North Carolina Legislature asking the removal of political disabilities from Gov. Vance were presented to the Senate, and referred to the committee on political disabilities.

The contestants for Senatorial seats from Georgia have been notified to appear before the Judiciary Committee of the Senate on Saturday. There are seven claimants, though H. V. Johnson and A. H. Stevens, who were elected before reconstruction commenced, will not push their rights.

MISCELLANY.

FRENCH NEWS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—A special dispatch from Havre, dated 3d inst., reports Bourbaki as marching on Germany, and Chanzy, at Lemons, constantly pushing ahead his flying columns.

Ten thousand troops are marching on Paris via Chartres.

Garibaldi is at Dijon doing but little.

Faidherbe is at Arras preparing to attack Mantouff, probably with the intention of joining Bourbaki.

There are sixteen thousand troops in Havre and twenty thousand at Balbec, exclusive of Franco-Tierces.

The cavalry and regulars forward movement commenced to-day.

IRISH NEWS.

LONDON, Jan. 5.—The Presbytery of Belfast, Ireland, denounce Gladstone for the interest displayed by him in the welfare of the Pope.

Massachusetts and Philadelphia contribute to the consumption of the United States more than all Europe.

HOME NEWS.

A Chapter of Crime.

MEMPHIS, Jan. 5.—A constable and the father-in-law of a young man under arrest killed each other at Jacksonport, Ark.

One man cut another's throat at Charleston, Miss.

At Bluntsville, Ala., Lewis Ketchum, who disemboweled F. Burgess, was taken from jail by disguised men and killed.

LAWRENCE, KS., Jan. 5.—A fire is progressing, the loss by which is already fifty thousand dollars.

LANSING, MICH., Jan. 5.—The Republican caucus nominated Thos. W. Ferry for the Senate, which is equivalent to his election.

MAINE AND ILLINOIS.

AUGUSTA, Jan. 5.—The Legislature has been organized, with last year's officers.

CHICAGO, Jan. 5.—There has been no change in the Senatorial contest. Logan is the strongest. His principal competitor is Gov. Oglesby. General Palmer, who commanded in Kentucky after the war, has been spoken of as a compromise candidate.

Russ & Gossage, heavy retail dry goods merchants are reported to have failed. Their liabilities are nearly half a million dollars. They offer fifty cents on the dollar.

NEW YORK NEWS.

The Post says the Alabama and Chattanooga Railroad Company have suspended the payment of the January interest on the first mortgage bonds, on which the State of Alabama is the endorser. The amount of these bonds is about \$4,000,000, of which about three-fourths are held abroad and one-fourth here. We are informed that the resources of the Company are ample for the payment of this interest, and that the necessary money was offered to the Company by bankers in this city, but according to the report of the directors that prevailed in the Board of Directors, which resulted in the offer not having been accepted, the Governor of Alabama has telegraphed to the State agent in this city that the obligations of the State that are endorsed in the bonds will be responded to as soon as the Legislature, which convenes on the 15th instant, can make the necessary provisions therefor.

CALIFORNIA NEWS.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., Jan. 5.—The Supreme Court, in the case of the people versus Brady, reversed the decision of the lower court and ordered a new trial, on the ground that the defendant was convicted by Chinese testimony, under the 14th and 15th Amendments. The court holds that the amendments cannot affect, and do not abrogate or annul the State laws regulating practice in courts of law. Judge Rhodes, Democrat, alone dissents.

INDIANA NEWS.

INDIANAPOLIS, Jan. 5.—The House organized with Wm. Maeks speaker, and all Democratic officers.

The Senate was also organized with Democratic officers, two Republicans being absent, and two elected as Republicans acting with the Democrats.

Monroe County Items.

MADISONVILLE, January 3d, 1870.

EDITORS CHRONICLE: Being in this vicinity, I conclude to give you a few "jottings by the way." This town is slow, very slow, but the people being good-like "Mowber"—are waiting for "something to turn up." The County Court is in session, and is composed of five men, who evidently mean business. The county has good men as officers, who have done the interests of the people at heart. Col. M. F. Johnson has been re-elected as the presiding officer. Monroe is a fine, large county, abounding in good lands, marble, roofing slate, iron ore, and as fine water power as there is in the State. She has large facilities for stock raising and manufacturing, as well as for the culture of the grape upon her vine-clad hills. But this can only be done by the encouragement of immigration, with a reasonable system of protection to home industries, which has given to Prussia her power of concentration and encouragement of enterprises. Monroe has good and commodious county buildings, erected (by a tax on the people) since the late unpleasantness. Still her financial condition is good. Her people do not seem to appreciate her fine agricultural soil, fine climate, and the best watered county in the State. Her people, like Rip Van Winkle, "have been sleeping."

Yours, &c.,

GOOD STICKS.

State Items.

A fire occurred in a livery stable at Maryville on the 28th of December. The loss reached \$5,000.

G. W. Emery, Supervisor of Internal Revenue, has returned to Nashville from Washington. The Nashville papers say he has been there on business referring to the consolidation of the revenue districts of this State, and that some changes may be expected soon.

Bank Robbery.

The Athens Post says that the First National Bank, at Cleveland, Tennessee, was entered by burglars last Sunday night, and the safe broken into. They failed to reach the interior apartment of the safe, and succeeded in getting about one hundred dollars only. Two common wood-axes and a large crowbar were left by the robbers in the building. The entrance from the outside was effected by cutting a pane of glass from a front window. It was a pretty bold operation, and created a heavy sensation among the solid men of that city.

Killed.

A man named Secors, who lived in the 13th civil district of McMinn county, was shot and killed by some one in ambush, on Wednesday before Christmas. The Athens Post says that Secors had the reputation of being a desperate character, and it is supposed he was killed by parties with whom he had previously had a difficulty.

What Killed Towser.

A candidate the other day, while walking through the suburbs of his Ward, stepped into a dwelling house, and thus accosted a tow-headed urchin who was seated upon the top of a gate post: "Bub, where's your pa?"

The youngster replied: "Papa's just gone down beyond the cow-shed to dig a grave to bury the old dog Towser. The darned old fool killed himself a barkin' at candidates for aldermen."

TERRIBLE RAILROAD ACCIDENT.

Seven Persons Burned to Death and Thirty Burned or Bruised.

The Tuesday morning Northern bound Express train on the Mississippi and Tennessee Railroad met with a terrible accident four miles south of Memphis, just above Nonconah Creek. It was passing over a gulley the axle of the baggage car snapped and threw it across the track, breaking a rail, which threw through from end to end the first passenger car, crowded with about 80 passengers. This car was thrown down an embankment 8 feet, when the *Avantur* says the stoves were thrown down, and in a very few minutes the

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